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Welcome to Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start another school year, we would like to give you some important information about Year 5.

Miss Cleall teaches 5JC and Mrs Lee and Mrs Sellwood will be teaching 5LS. We are also fortunate to have Teaching Assistants in Year 5 to support our children's learning. Mrs Deans will be the teaching assistant for 5JC and Miss Addis will be in 5LS, we also have Mrs Morgan supporting 5LS in the afternoons.

We believe that home learning reinforces the learning from the classroom, helping pupils develop lively and enquiring minds. Home learning also encourages parents to share in their children's education. The main home learning task (approximately 30 minutes) is set on the Friday of each week and is to be handed in no later than the following Wednesday, but of course can be handed in earlier! This year, the children need to continue to complete their home learning in their home learning book instead of Microsoft Teams.

We continue to encourage children to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books at home. Sharing a book with your child is tremendously encouraging for them and immensely helpful to us. The recommendation is to read **at least three times a week** for at least 10 minutes with your child. In addition to your child reading aloud, it would be useful if you could ask them a few questions about the story. We would also appreciate it if you could **sign your child's Reading Record on at least three separate occasions** and let us know of any problems that occur during its completion. The Reading Record needs to be returned to school no later than the Wednesday.

If your child hasn't brought their home learning or reading record by Wednesday, they will be given a reminder to return it the next day. If it is not brought in by Thursday, they will miss time off their breaktime.

Spellings will be tested every week on a Wednesday and new spellings will be set on a Friday via Spelling Shed. Times tables will be tested every Tuesday.

Finally, may we give the usual reminder that children will need to come to school wearing their full, labelled PE kits, including trainers, on their PE days. For both Year 5 classes, Indoor PE is on a Wednesday and Outdoor PE is on a Monday. When the weather changes please could you add navy jogging bottoms and sweater to their kit. Jewellery should not be worn in school with the exception of a watch and one pair of stud earrings, which must be removed or taped up at home for PE, for health and safety reasons.

There is an electronic reply slip that you will need to complete to acknowledge that you have read this letter. You will find this form by clicking on this link [Year 5 Home Learning 2026 – Fill out form](#)

This will need to be completed by **Wednesday 9th September**. Thank you.

We very much look forward to working alongside you to make this a happy and productive year for your child. Please do not hesitate to inform us of any concerns you may have throughout the year.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Lee



Mrs Sellwood



Miss Cleall

Year 5 Class Teachers